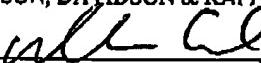


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Re: Application of: David Elliott WHITTEN.
Serial No.: 09/456,869
Filed: 12/08/99
For: DEVICE FOR SEIZING OF FLAT MATERIAL
ON A TRANSPORTING SURFACE
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

September 16, 2002

Sir:

In response to the final office action dated July 3, 2002 received in the above-identified application, applicant hereby respectfully requests reconsideration of the application, as amended, and based on the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 13 and 15 to 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Price in view of Nagano.

Reconsideration of the application and withdrawal of the rejection based on the following